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SUBJECT: REPORT ON MAURITANIAN FISHERIES

1. EMBASSY CAN RESPOND TO SOME OF QUESTIONS RAISED
IN REF LETTER. REPLIES ARE KEYED TO NUMBERED
QUESTIONS:

(3) LEVRIER BAY COMPRISES ONLY THAT AREA IMMEDIATELY EAST
OF CAP BLANC.

(5) THERE IS A SMALL INTERNAL MARKET FOR FRESH FISH. NO
STATISTICS ARE AVAILABLE; HOWEVER, THE DOLLAR VALUE OF FISHERK
LANDINGS FOR THE LOCAL MARKET IS MINISCULE.

(10) THE FISHERMEN FROM SENEGAL AND BENIN HAVE MIGRATED TO
MAURITANIA AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED PERMANENT OR SEMI-PERMANENT
RESIDENT ALIENS IN MAURITANIA. FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES,
THEY NOW LIVE IN MAURITANIA.

(15) ALMAP CLOSED DOWN IN EARLY 1976.

(16) NAME OF ITALIAN COMPANY IS FRESCOGEL S.T.A.

(17) THE FISH STORE OPENED IN OCTOBER 1975.

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(19) BELIEVE PROBLEM CAN BE RESOLVED BY REVISING FINAL SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH AS FOLLOWS: "EMILE BECK, IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT HE ALLEGEDLY VIOLATED BANKING REGULATIONS, WAS AN IMPORTANT FORCE IN DEVELOPING MAURITANIA'S FISHING INDUSTRY."

(20) BELIEVE ASSUMPTION IS CORRECT.

(24) MAURITANIA IS PERMISSIBLE SHORT FORM FOR ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF MAURITANIA.

2. IT IS NOW VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THAT MAURITANIA WILL CLAIM JURISDICTION OVER SAHARAN OFFSHORE WATERS UP TO TWENTY-FOURTH PARALLEL. AS WE WILL BE REPORTING SEPARATELY, EFFORTS ARE ALREADY UNDERWAY TO REOPEN FISHING IN WATERS CLAIMED BY MAURITANIA FROM DAKHLA TO NOUADHIBOU. RECOMMEND THAT REPORT TAKE NOTE OF THIS SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT.

3. ALTHOUGH TIME DID NOT PERMIT A REREADING OF COMPLETE REVISED DRAFT, WE NOTE THAT REPORT STILL REFLECTS CONFUSION ABOUT NOUAKCHOTT WHARF. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THERE IS NO PLAN G EXTEND PRESENT PIER. THUS, FIRST SENTENCE OF FINAL PARAGRAPH ON PAGE 77 SHOULD BE DELETED.HANDYSIDE

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